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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: INFORMATION APPARATUS AND MAIL CONTROL METHOD

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 47 pages, including 2 independent claims and 14 claims total.
2. Drawings- 10 sheets of drawings containing 16 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-058863, filed March 5, 2003.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-058863, filed March 5, 2003.

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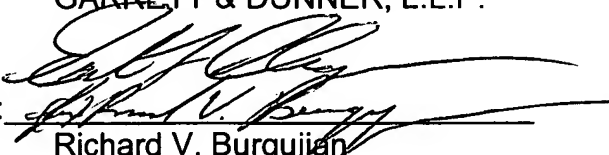
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